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To: SAC, Memphis (66-2197)

From: Director, FBI (62-117290)

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Reference your airtel dated 7/19/78, which furnished full description of files and subfiles delivered to FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) on 7/20/78.

This airtel is to confirm that three boxes containing Memphis files 170-70, 170-117, 170-1019, 170-1022 and 170-1040 were reproduced at FBIHQ on 7/20,21/78. Files were returned to Memphis accompanied by SA Buryl Johnson, aboard American Airlines, Flight 552, departing National Airport at 7:00 p.m. and scheduled to arrive at Memphis 7:58 p.m. on 7/21/78.

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NOTE: By letter dated 5/23/78, the HSCA asked for access to Memphis Field Office files of five informants who reported on activities of the Invaders, a Memphis youth gang. We denied access to these files. However, by letter dated 7/5/78, the HSCA Chairman requested the Attorney General resolve the matter and it is expected the files will eventually be made accessible to the HSCA. Therefore, files were brought to FBI Headquarters to begin processing, since Xeroxing capabilities of the Memphis Office prevented reproduction there.

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (137-16185) (ATTN: SA JEFFREY A. MEYER) E: 3/19/74

FROM :

SA HOWARD C. KENNEDY

SUBJECT:

SL 3167-PCI

This informant, who was contacted in the area of Manchester and Chouteau, St. Louis, Mo., on 3/13/74, furnished the following information, advising that he is doing so strictly on a confidential basis, and he would never under any circumstances testify to any of this information:

UNSUBS; Theft of sterling silver busts of CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, sterling silver bust of ANNE MARIE LINDBERGH; ITSP - MAJOR THEFT SL 87-21859

In early 8/73, as he was moving into a new business location in the area of Kingshighway and Mayland, St. Louis, he and an associate were engaged in setting up a new shop when they were approached by a black couple, described as looking like "an affluent doctor and his wife", who proceeded to walk through the shop examining various articles and requesting information about a small broken item, inquiring as to whether it was Dresden or Meissen. They were informed that it was believed the item was a small piece of Dresden, and that it was for sale for \$10. They left the shop within a few minutes. The man was described as 30-35, 6°, 170 pounds, handsome, wearing a business suit. The woman was described as 30 years old, 5'6", and well-dressed in a dress and accessories Both were described as having a very fine bright or golden brown complexion.

Within two or three days time, as the associate was alone in the shop, she was approached by a white man, whose identity was later learned as RUSSELL BEYERS, 9329 Frederick, Ladue, Mo., an employee of Raiffee Vending Co., St. Louis, Mo. At the time, however, his identify was not

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known, and he inquired about a small item in the store that had been priced at about \$50, but purchased for \$15 in the St. Charles area. He offered to pay \$15 for the item, exhibiting considerable interest in and knowledge of antiques. He left the store without buying anything, but within a day or two returned to the store, also meeting informant, and still having interest in the piece he had previously looked at. This was the first meeting with informant. This individual brought with him a small pottery tea set, described as golden brown, with a set of cups and saucers, pitcher, sugar, and creamer, having a gold-brown shiny glaze. The set was believed to be worth about \$100, but he offered to sell it for \$300. He then identified himself as RUSSELL BEYERS. He is believed to be a very intelligent, perceptive person. No business was transacted. that occasion, however, BEYERS "opened up" with informant, advising that he is personally represented by Attorney MURRAY RANDALL (former attorney, USDJ, and former AUSA, EDMO), and that he and RANDALL are very close personal friends. He said he had inquired of an individual at OK Novelty Co., St. Louis, also inquiring of informant as to "what kind of guy" was the informant. He said he had learned that he could talk to informant, advising further that it was his understanding that informant was not a "snitch". He also advised that he had personally sent the aforementioned black couple into informant's shop to "have him knocked off", but that after learning that he could be trusted, he had advised the black couple against taking anything from him. He asserted that if there was anything in St. Louis that informant wanted to buy, he would have it stolen and sell it to him at the right He came into informant's shop at least once or twice for the next several wekks, and shortly after the aforementioned second meeting in the shop, BEYERS told informant that he had a painting recently stolen, referring $t_{\mathbf{O}}$ it as the "Norman Rockwell". He said he intended "to have it on ice", but would sell it to informant for \$5,000. Informant advised he personally contacted his lawyer, inquiring as to whether it would be feasible to buy the painting and sell it to an insurance company. Reportedly, this lawyer, not identified by informant, made some inquiries and found that the involved insurance company was not interested in paying that amount

for same. A few days later, BEYERS again came to the shop offering to sell the painting for \$3,000, and then made a final offer to sell it for \$2,000. BEYERS then said that the painting was "going into cold storage". BEYERS has never again mentioned this painting.

During the fall of 1973, five or six months ago. date not recalled. BEYERS came to the shop inquiring as to whether they could get together to talk, and they later did so at Pizza and Cream. Clayton. Mo., in the area of a Brod-Dugan Paint Store, where informant had traveled on business. BEYERS talked freely about himself and his business, and they later went to informant's house where REYERS told a story about visiting a lawyer in St. Louis County, now deceased, not further identified, who had offered to give him a contract to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said that also present was a short, stocky man, who walked with a limp. (Later. with mgard to the latter individual. BEYERS commented that this man was actually the individual who made the payoff of JAMES EARL RAY after the killing.) BEYERS said he had declined to accept this contract. He did remark that this lawyer had Confederate flags and other items about the house that might indicate that he was "a real rebel". BEYERS also commented that he had been offered either \$10,000 or \$20,000 to kill KING.

Sometime later, informant talked to JOSEPH "JO D" OLIVESTRO, a known fence, with whom he is acquainted. This individual advised informant that BEYERS truly is a "very treacherous guy", cautioning him to stay away from him if he wanted to stay out of trouble.

About two or three months ago, BEYERS telephoned him at 7:00 on night, probably a Monday night, date not recalled, advising that he was going to kill a North St. Louis man, indicating that the man had "snitched of guns". He said BEYERS could have said that the man had "snitched of drugs". At 10:00 P.M. the same night, BEYERS again called him, advising that "the job is done". The next day, informant read about a man being killed at his home or in front of his house in North St. Louis, further details not recalled.

At about that same time, informant recalled that BEYERS inquired as to whether he knew anyone by the name of EUGENE ZIGLER who lives somewhere in West St. Louis County. BEYERS referred to him as an old man, believed by him to have stolen some paintings in Florida. BEYERS said he intended to find out whether the man had the paintings and if so, he intended to have them stolen from him.

About one month prior to the date of the reported burglary of the Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis, in which several items of Lindbergh trophies were taken, exact date not recalled, BEYERS came to his shop asking him if he was interested in buying any articles from the Jefferson Memorial. commenting specifically that he had in mind some "commemorative pieces" that were included in the Lindbergh trophies. Informant said he told him this would be "too hot to handle" whereupon BEYERS said they could be used to "set up enemies" by "stashing them in the trunk of somebody's car", said he told BEYERS he was not interested in that kind of job since he had been in trouble once (robbery of Four Seasons Antique Shop) and did not care to get in that kind of trouble again. Within several days, informant heard the news of the breakin of the Jefferson Memorial and the theft of several items there. A day or two after that publicity, BEYERS came to informant's shop, advising that "now I've got my hands full - I've got a lot of problems". Informant recalled that it appeared BEYERS had not shaven for several days. narily, BEYERS is a very conservative, well-dressed person.

BEYERS never again mentioned the Jefferson Memorial items, and he never mentioned same to BEYERS, despite the recent publicity.

He firmly believes that BEYERS at one time had both these items and the Norman Rockwell painting and may still have same. He does not believe that BEYERS would ever confess to anything, BEYERS having told him on one occasion that the police would never get anywhere with him since he absolutely would never talk, even if confronted with information from other sources attributed to him.

BEYERS is further described as follows:

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Race
Sex
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Height
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Clothing

White Male 47-48 years old 5'9" to 5'10" 170 lbs. Slightly stocky

Black curly, graying

Usually dressed in sport jacket and slacks or

suit with tie

Wearing dark horn-rimmed glasses

Miscellaneous

BEYERS is married to a sister of JOHN PAUL SPICA, an ex-convict involved several years ago in the MYZAK murder, and has several children. BEYERS drives two different automobiles, including a 1972 or 1973 skyblue four-door Chevrolet with dark blue vinyl top and a 1973 Oldsmobile two-door or four-door sedan, gray-brown with light cream vinyl top. BEYERS gives the appearance of a successful jewelry businessman. He is believed to be engaged in contacting customers for Raiffee Vending Co. equipment.

Informant has not had any contact with BEYERS in any way whatsoever for the past month or more. Most recently, BEYERS was talking about pulling a burglary at the Hollander Galleries, St. Louis County, where there are more than \$200,000 worth of paintings stored. Reportedly, BEYERS has been arrested many times, BEYERS addising informant that he had a "long Hoover sheet".

Informant advised he will immediately furnish any additional information received concerning these matters.

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RE BUREAU TEL, JULY 14, 1978. 1008

ON JULY 14, 1978, FINUS EDWARD BETHEL, FORMER ME 282-R, WAS CONTACTED AT HIS CURRENT ADDRESS, 3939 ROXANNE, APARTMENT 1, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90008, TELEPHONE (213) 296-3930.

BETHEL WAS ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF THE INQUIRY AS

OUTLINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, AND HE STATED HE DOES

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BETHEL STATED HE WANTS HIS PRIOR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED JULY 14, 1978. 1006

ON JULY 15, 1978, THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW WERE CONTACTED

AND ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF THE INQUIRY AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCED

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA) 1039

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO PITTSBURGH DATED JULY 25, 1978, AND PITTSBURGH TELCALLS TO THE BUREAU, JULY 26, 1978.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT PITTSBURGH,
PA. IN EFFORT TO LOCATE ALEXANDER GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, AKA
ALEX BORMANN:

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT RUST ENGINEERING, 600 GRANT STREET, PITTSBURGH, PA., DETERMINED THAT THAT COMPANY IS NOW PART OF A COMPANY KNOWN AS WHEELABRATOR-FRYE INC., AND THAT EMPLOYMENT RECORDS FOR ALL FORMER PERSONNEL OF RUST ENGINEERING ARE LOCATED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. REC-40

ON JULY 26, 1978, ROSAIGIND CLAY, PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT,

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RUST ENGINEERING, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ADVISED THAT ALEX BORMANN WAS EMPLOYED AS A PROJECT ENGINEER FROM MAY 16, 1966, UNTIL JANUARY 15, 1971, WHEN HE RESIGNED. THIS IS CURRENTLY AN INACTIVE FILE AND THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT BORMANN EVER RESUMED HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COMPANY. RECORDS INDICATE THAT AT THE TIME OF HIS RESIGNATION, BORMANN WAS EMPLOYED AT THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE AND WAS RESIDING AT 721 BRIGHTON ROAD, APARTMENT 403, PITTSBURGH, PA.

A REVIEW OF COLE'S DIRECTORIES FOR THE YEARS 1970 THROUGH 1978, WERE REVIEWED AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ANYONE BY THE NAME OF ALEX BORMANN OR ALEXANDER GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON RESIDING AT 721 BRIGHTON ROAD, APARTMENT 403, PITTSBURGH, PA.

ON THIS SAME DATE, WILLIAM CAVANAUGH, CHIEF, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROTECTION, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PITTSBURGH, PA., ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF HIS RECORDS FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY RECORD OF ARREST IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE NAMES EDMOND SON OR BORMANN.

ON JULY 26, 1978, RONALD SHAULIS, OFFICER IN CHARGE, IDENTIFICATION SECTION, PITTSBURGH POLICE DEPARTMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA., ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF HIS RECORDS FAILED

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TO DISCLOSE ANY RECORD OF ARREST IDENTIFIABLE WITH EDMONDSON OR

BOR MANN.

ON JULY 26. 1978. SPECIAL CLERK NICHOLAS S. SCIOTTO OF THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE ADVISED THAT HE WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD OR IG INALLY TALKED WITH EDMOND SON. AKA BORMANN. WHEN HE APPEARED AT THE PITT SBURGH OFFICE IN AUGUST. 1970. SCIOTTO RECALLS EDMONDSON ADVISING HIM THAT HE HAD WORKED FOR RUST ENGINEERING IN MONTREAL. CANADA. PRIOR TO SERVING A TERM IN THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON. UPON HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON PENDING AN APPEAL OF HIS ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTION. EDMONDSON HAD BEEN REHIRED BY RUST ENGINEER ING AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE. SCIOTTO RECALLED THAT EDMOND SON RETURNED TO THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE SOMETIME LATER AND ADVISED THAT HIS APPEAL HAD BEEN OVERTURNED AND THAT HE WOULD NOW HAVE TO RETURN TO PRISON. SC SCIOTTO ALSO RECALLED THAT ABOUT A YEAR AFTER EDMONDSON'S INITIAL APPEARANCE IN THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE. HE SAW AN ARTICLE IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER INDICATING THAT EDMONDSON WAS IN THE MISSOUR I STATE PRISON. THIS ARTICLE FURTHER INDICATED THAT EDMONDSON WAS ON A SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL RELEASE PROGRAM AND WAS ATTENDING COLLEGE WHILE FULFILLING THE TERMS OF HIS SENTENCE.

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DISCREET INQUIRIES AT WHEELABRATOR-FRYE INC., LOCATED ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO RECALLED BORMANN AS BEING EMPLOYED BY RUST ENGINEER ING. THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD AN OLD COMPANY DIRECTORY WHICH CONTAINED THE NAME OF ALEX BORMANN AND A PICTURE OF THIS INDIVIDUAL. INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO EDMOND SON. AKA BORMANN WHEN HE LEFT RUST ENGINEERING.

BASED ON INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN PITTSBURGH, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT EDMOND SON LEFT THE PITTSBURGH AREA IN 1971 TO RETURN TO MISSOURI STATE PRISON TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF HIS SENTENCE ON THE ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTION. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT EDMOND SON EVER RETURNED TO THE PITTSBURGH AREA.

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Select Committee on Assassinations FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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U.S. House of Representatives

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July 26, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell Attorney General of the United States U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

Mr. Robert L. Keuch Attention:

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation assist this Committee by providing us with certain material.

The attached memorandum refers to a racial conference which was held at FBI Headquarters in early 1968. Counter-/ intelligence proposals directed at Martin Luther King were apparently disussed at that conference.

The House Select Committee on Assassinations requests that we be provided with all documents in existence pertaining to such conference and any action taken as a result thereof. Your response should also include any documents relating to the scheduling of the conference.

Your earliest attention to this matter would be greatly REC-40 62-117290

appreciated.

Sincerely,

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VASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT RM

At 5 PM, 3/11/68, GEORGE C. MOORE, Section Chief, Recial Intelligence, Division 5, SOC, advised ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG and Supervisor JAMES O. INGRAM AS follows:

He advised that the following proposal was sent to the Director:

The racial conference at the SOG discussed the Washington Spring Project headed by MARTIN LUTHER KING and recommended that the facts about the Project be brought to the attention of possible participants through a rumor campaign. We would use our informants, without their knowledge, to spread the story about lack of funds and organization. Fears of economic reprisal and personal safety should dissuade potential participants. We would point out also that the Project is strictly for MARTIN LUTHER KING's benefit which is actually the case. He thinks he can regain lost prestige by this ademonstration. Some suggested rumors would consist of:

The participants would be told that their names would be taken in Washington and welfare checks from the Government discontinued.

Possible threats of violence and bodily harm to the participants would be spread. Also information showing that the Washington Negro Community is incensed and furious with respect to this march on Washington by outside Negroes.

The above are a few of the type of rumors that can be used and yom should tie in any rumor of this nature to your local problem. Also think of other counterintelligence methods and secure telepholic approval from the Bureau prior to utilization.

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REFERENCE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO ST. LOUIS. JULY 26. 1978.

ST. LOUIS FILE 137-16185 ON RICHARD FRANCIS O'HARA (SL 3167-C) AND ALL FILES LOGICALLY RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING MURKIN MAIN FILE. ALL FAIL TO REVEAL ANY INDICATION AS TO WHY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY O'HARA CONCERNING MURKIN WAS NOT DISSEMENATED OR OTHERWISE ACTED REC-72 63-117270 UPO N.

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